

Supplemental Testimony In SUPPORT of HB5389 An Act Concerning Palliative Use of Marijuana

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- We would suggest the definition title and definition "Debilitating medical condition" to be AMENDED to read:
"Evaluated medical condition" meaning any medical condition or medical treatment approved by a licensed medical doctor.
- We would suggest the definition "Qualifying patient" to be AMENDED to read:
A resident of Connecticut who has been diagnosed by a physician as having a medical condition.
- We would suggest the definition "Doctor Certification" be AMENDED to read:
a statement signed and dated by the qualifying patient's physician stating that, in such physician's professional opinion, the qualifying patient has legitimate medical need for marijuana.
- We would suggest (lines 88-89) be STRICKEN (reason: no second hand danger in palliative use)
- We would suggest Section 2c (lines 102-139) be STRICKEN (reason: arbitrary, exclusionary and labor restriction)
- We would suggest Section 3 (lines 140-177) be AMENDED to read:
A qualifying patient is protected by doctor/patient confidentiality ethics and federal privacy laws.
- We would suggest Section 9b2 (lines 250-251) be STRICKEN (reason: a pharmacist stipulation is unnecessary, considering patient experience of self-use; medication is a plant, more suited to botanist oversight).
- We would suggest Section 13 (lines 378-418) be AMENDED to read:
The Commissioner of Consumer Protection shall establish a Board consisting of a dozen individuals from various aspects of the community, including Citizens, Public Servants and Medical Professionals; to independently evaluate the application of the State Medical Marijuana Laws and make policy recommendations to the State Executive and Legislative branch.
- We would suggest Section 14b (line 427) AMENDED to read:
The Commissioner of Consumer Protection shall receive no fee for patient access to a doctor prescribed medication.
- We would suggest Section 14(4) (line 459) AMENDED to read:
The Commissioner of Consumer Protection shall not exclude any medical treatment or disease, as noted by a Physician.